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Please forward the following to the Senator.

Thanks. Bob

Dear Senators:

In consideration of today's full committee markup we request that US assistance to Egypt receive no conditions on Foreign Military Financing. Please do not support conditionality.

Egypt is a key partner to the US in the region; serving as a leader and ally with respect to situations in Sudan, Iraq, Iran, and Israel-Palestine. Egypt is also a staunch ally in the war on terrorism, sharing invaluable intelligence and fully supporting the US campaign in Afghanistan.

The US-Egypt military to military relationship is strong and highly effective.

Despite considerable challenges posed by regional problems, economic stress, inflation, and the effects of the global food crisis, the Egyptian government has working to improve the climate for economic growth, societal openness, human rights, governance, and rule of law.

Including conditions on the US assistance package to Egypt runs counter to the spirit of Camp David. Conditions inflame public opinion in Egypt and ultimately make it more difficult for Egypt to promote American interests in the region – like the Arab-Israeli peace process, Sudan, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, and the war on terrorism. Please recognize the vital importance of our ally.

Thank you, for your consideration.

Regards –

**Bob Livingston
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